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FOR AMBASSADOR FROM STEARNS

AS CAPT JACK BOYLE USED TO SAY, "EVERYTHING IS IN A STATE OF CHASSIS". I AM MOVING TO ATHENS AND WILL BE THERE AUGUST 5. TONI AND CHILDREN WILL FOLLOW AT THE END OF THE MONTH. THIS HAS HAPPENED VIRTUALLY OVERNIGHT AND I'M SORRY TO LEAVE YOU WITH UNFINISHED BUSINESS AT THIS END. ART HUMMEL WILL BE CARRYING THE LOAD UNTIL PHIL HABIB HAS A CHANCE TO THINK ABOUT A SUCCESSOR. PLEASE GIVE MY BEST TO OUR LAO FRIENDS, ESPECIALLY SOUVANNA WHO SHOULD TRY THE BATHS AT THERMOPYLAE THIS YEAR INSTEAD OF PLOMBIERES. THANKS FOR EVERYTHING AND PLEASE MAKE YOUR NEXT TRIP HOME VIA ATHENS. ALL THE BEST. KISSINGER

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